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| 4) | Claim(s) is/are pending in the application | n. | | | | | |
| · | 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. | | | | | | |
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| 8)⊠ | Claim(s) 1-85 are subject to restriction and/or e | election requirement. | | | | | |
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| Priority ι | under 35 U.S.C. § 119 | | | | | | |
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Restriction Summary

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 37-40, 53-54, 56-62, 63-64, 65, 66-70, 73-74, 75, 76-82, 83, 84-85 drawn to remote data accessing, classified in class 709, subclass 217.
- II. Claims 1-8, 9-30, 31-36, 41-50, 51-52, 55, 37, 40, drawn to memory configuration, classified in class 711, subclass 170

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination, Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claim for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05©). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because any memory configuration can be used in invention II.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons give above and have acquired a separate status in the as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and search required for Group I is not require for Group II, restriction for examination purpose as indicated is proper.

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Application is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR) 1.143).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to lan dai thi truong whose telephone number is 571-272-7959. The examiner can normally be reached on monday- friday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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